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CZECH DEFENSES ON AUSTRIAN BORDER

According to recent reports, many bunkers and artillery and infantry em-
 placements have been constructed or expanded on the slopes of the Boehmerwald
 (Bohemian Forest). The Ulrichsberg-Gloeckelberg highway is watched and guarded
 from towers; the Kaplice (Kaplitz) - Summerau highway has been torn up at Dolni
 Dvoriste (Unter-Haid). There are three watchtowers and one bunker east of
 Leopoldsdorf near Cetviny (Zettwing). Eight watchtowers have been erected in
 the area from Nove Hady (Gratzten) to Velenice. Barbed wire has been put up in
 Gmuend, and numerous street and railway barricades interfere with traffic in
 the city; there are also four watchtowers in Gmuend. There are at least eight
 watchtowers from Gmuend to the Stankauer Teich (Stankau Pond), and there is
 continuous barbed wire through the entire forest.

The Litschau-Koesslersdorf highway is barricaded. North of Litschau and
 not far from the "Neumuehle" (New Mill), new bunkers and at least eight watch-
 towers have been spotted. At Klein-Taxen, there are at least three watchtowers.
 At the Czech customs house north of Illmanns, there is a street barricade, and
 in an easterly direction on the Gaisberg (Gais Mountain) there is a watchtower.
 South of Slavonice (Zlabings), a new watchtower was erected and two new bunkers
 built on the street leading into Austria. Train connections between Slavonice
 and Waldkirchen have been halted.

There are five watchtowers and three bunkers north of Luden; the street to
 Grossau has been barricaded. In the area of Drosendorf, there is an extensive
 barbed-wire network in addition to four watchtowers. The street which enters
 Vratenin (Fratting) has been barricaded. The "Frauenhof" was removed, and a
 high observation tower has been erected in its place. Extensive infantry em-
 placements have been spotted near the "Breitau" hunting lodge. The Thaya Valley
 near Hardeng has been militarily secured through a number of bunkers and an ex-
 tensive barbed-wire barricade.

The Vienna-Znojmo (Znaim) highway is watched and controlled from towers
 near Klein-Haugsdorf, where infantry emplacements have also been erected. On
 the stretch from Untermarkersdorf to Wulzeshofen, there are eight watchtowers;

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north of Laa an der Thaya there are three. On the plain near Hrusovany nad Jevisovkov (Grusbach) and Pratlsbrunn, there are from four to six new bunkers and at least seven watchtowers; the barbed-wire network in this area is continuous. South of Mikulov (Nikolsburg), there are at least three bunkers and an as yet unestablished number of watchtowers. Southwest of Valtice (Feldsberg), two watchtowers as well as a highway barricade have been erected. On the Hohenau-Breclav (Lundenburg) railway line north of Bernhardthal, wire entanglements and barricades have been erected.

East of Hohenau there are three new watchtowers. Along the March River near Droesing, extensive bunker fortifications have been constructed. A barbed-wire network extends from Mannersdorf along the March River to the Danube. The number of bunkers and watchtowers erected there has not yet been established.

Most of the watchtowers on the Czech border, as well as those on the Hungarian border, are 12-15 meters high and are equipped with machine guns, alarms, and searchlights. Most of the barbed wire has recently been electrified.

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